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PROCLAMATION 4231

Columbus Day, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

August 14, 1973

A Proclamation

The pages of history teach us that it is the extraordinary man who has shaped our past and thus determined much of what we are today. Such a man was Christopher Columbus, son of Italy and explorer of the New World.

Columbus launched the great age of discovery in the Americas. For five centuries, the spirit of discovery has continued to flourish here. On this Columbus Day, we can usefully reflect on the many ways in which that spirit still lives on, not only in our efforts to expand our physical horizons but in everything we do which helps us broaden our understanding of our world and of ourselves.

In recognizing our debt to the great navigator, we are mindful that his most enduring legacies to us are those qualities of vision, faith, and boldness without which progress can never take place. His determination to seek the truth against great odds continues to inspire our efforts to achieve a better and more peaceful world.

In tribute to the achievement of Columbus, the Congress of the United States, by joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), as modified by the act of June 28, 1968 (82 Stat. 250), requested the President to proclaim the second Monday in October of each year as Columbus Day.

36 USC 146.
5 USC 6103.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Monday, October 8, 1973, as Columbus Day. I invite the people of this Nation to observe that day in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies in honor of the great explorer. I also direct that the flag of the

United States be displayed on all public buildings on the appointed day in memory of Christopher Columbus.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-eighth.



PROCLAMATION 4232

General Pulaski's Memorial Day

August 14, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On the eleventh day of October, 1973, the people of the United States will honor the 194th anniversary of the death of Casimir Pulaski, a dedicated patriot who fought selflessly and courageously for the cause of freedom both in Poland and America. It was on October 11, 1779 that Pulaski gave his life for the infant American nation, dying in an attempt to free the city of Savannah, Georgia.

Today, in remembrance of his heroic sacrifice, we pay grateful tribute to Casimir Pulaski. As we do, we also pay tribute to all other Americans of Polish ancestry who have contributed to the greatness of America. Their energies and their devotion have been instrumental in the building of our country from our earliest years down to the present day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, October 11, 1973, as General Pulaski's Memorial Day, and I direct the appropriate officials to display the United States flag on that day on all Government buildings.

I also invite the people of America to set aside this day for appropriate ceremonies in honor of the memory of General Casimir Pulaski and his dedication to the defense of liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-